

Village of Brockport Tree Board

Minutes

49 State Street, Brockport, NY

11.21.17

Present: Margay Blackman, Melissa Brown, Kathy Goetz, Tim Kewin, and Merrill Melnick.

Guest: Lori Staubitz. Absent: Priya Banerjee, Chris Collier, Tony Scime, Ginny Scime

Approval of the Minutes: There were no minutes to approve. The absence of Chris Collier was felt.

1. Rotary is in discussion about where they would like to plant a tree in honor of Burt Fowler, given that their first choice Remembrance Park is at capacity. They will be in touch.
2. Inventory Software—Students Mary Linton and Nick Conte will be presenting their report on recommendations for Tree Inventory Software in their class December 4 at 11:15AM 101 Holmes Hall. Both Mayor Blackman and Melissa have previous commitments at that time. Merrill Melnick will attend.
3. Mayor Blackman shared reviewer feedback for our unsuccessful DEC grant. It was very competitive. They only gave 51 grants. We lost points because they felt that we did not reach out to regional forester and felt we did not send in partnership letters. We felt we did, with Tim Kewin's letter. They were fine with us having disparate uses for the funding. They liked the walking tour. We should beef up the local needs section.
4. Mayor Blackman also shared that Craig and Elaine Holt requested that we plant a Peking Lilac in their tree lawn. It will be on the Spring Tree Order.
5. Little Nut/Celebration Forest. Lori Staubitz made a donation to the tree board of \$240 from sales of Little Nut. She and Kathy will be selling Little Nut books and Little Nut infant tee-shirts and caps CandleLight Christmas Dec 1 & 2. Future plans include contacting Doug Hickerson about doing a story for the Suburban News. Lori had written up a draft of a contract delineating roles and responsibilities of the Village Board and the Celebration Forest enterprise. Mayor Blackman suggested it would be something for the Village lawyer to peruse.

Submitted by Melissa Brown, Chair